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1. Communication re Restriction Requirement (2 pages)
2. Copy of Preliminary Amendment filed October 2, 2003 (5 pages)
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Dear Sir:

Applicants received an Office Action which included a Restriction Requirement and Species Election dated April 10, 2006, in the above identified U.S. patent application.

The Action indicated claims 1-42 were currently pending in this application. The application as filed included a Preliminary Amendment canceling claims 1-42 and adding new claims 43-51. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is attached hereto, together with a copy of the return receipt postcard indicating receipt by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 2, 2003. ✓

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Applicants therefore request a new Office Action be issued including examination of the new claims 43-51.

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced case, please amend the specification as follows:

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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On page 1 of the application, under the title, please insert:

--Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/146,984 filed 3 September 1998 and now allowed. The contents of this application are incorporated herein by reference.--

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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-42. (canceled)

43. (new): A particulate label which comprises a particulate support having a diameter of no more than 100 nm which particle is bound to at least three fluorophores, wherein each said fluorophore emits a detectable signal different from that emitted by the others and wherein the magnitude of each of said emitted signals provides a distinctive hue and wherein the magnitude of the signal emitted by each said fluorophore may be varied; and wherein said particulate support is coupled to a reagent.

44. (new): The label of claim 43, wherein the particulate support is a latex bead.

45. (new): The label of claim 43, wherein the reagent is an antibody or fragment thereof, a peptide generated from a cDNA library, a substance in a combinatorial chemistry library, or an oligonucleotide.

46. (new): The label of claim 43, wherein the reagent is coupled to the particulate support by a covalent linkage.

47. (new): The label of claim 46, wherein the covalent linkage is a disulfide or carboxamide linkage.

48. (new): The label of claim 43, wherein the reagent is linked to the particulate support by a non-covalent linkage.

49. (new): The label of claim 48, wherein the non-covalent linkage is an epitope/antibody linkage, or a histidine/chelated NI linkage, or comprises an agar layer in which reagent is trapped.

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50. (new): A spatially defined arrangement of particulate different labels of claim 43, wherein each label is characterized by a different hue, and each particulate support is bound to a different reagent.

51. (new): The arrangement of claim 50, which is displayed on a surface to permit determination of the spatial position of said labels.

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REMARKS

The claims have been amended to focus on particles which, surprisingly, can be made in sizes 100 nm or less and still retain the ability to couple to three fluorophores as well as a reagent. Support for such particles is found, for example, on page 8, lines 3-5 and page 12, lines 13-20. Support for claims 50-51 is found in claim 1 of the allowed application; the dependent claims track the dependent claims allowed in the parent. No new matter has been added and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

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Fee Transmittal (1 page, 1 duplicate)

Preliminary Amendment (5 pages)

Specification (22 pages)

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